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				submitted her	cewith.	
Х	No additional fee	is required, as shown below				

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This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2816. This authorization applies to both filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and processing fees (such as extension of time) under 37 CFR §1.17. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.